

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in the application. Claims 15-22 have been canceled.

In the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 15-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as recited in claims 5-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,668,199. Claims 1-14 were rejected under the judicially-created Doctrine of Double Patenting over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,668,199.

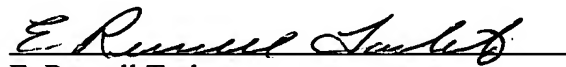
In response to the Office Action, applicants have canceled claims 15-22. In addition, applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to claims 1-14.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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